



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "To find joy in work is to discover the fountain of youth."

~ Pearl S. Buck, American writer and novelist

Jan. 6, 2016

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Jan. 18

Make your Martin Luther King Day, on Jan. 18, "A Day On, Not a Day Off" as over 50 community service projects have been organized to honor Dr. King and support the community. You may also extend your service with other opportunities during the Forty Days of Peace, celebrated through Feb. 29. To learn about all of the opportunities to serve, go to www.bloomingtonvolunteernetwork.org/MLKDay. To learn about all of the events planned for Dr. King Day, please go to www.bloomington.in.gov/MLK or contact Michael Shermis at (812) 349-3471 or shermism@bloomington.in.gov.

One Million Stars to End Violence – MLK Day – Jan. 18

The Lotus Education and Arts Foundation's Dr. King Day volunteer project involves learning to weave an 8-pointed star! From 1-3 p.m. on Jan. 18 at the Mathers Museum of World Cultures, instructors will teach the Samoan star-weaving technique and share a world-wide initiative inspired by Dr. King's words "Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars." Lotus is one of only two U.S. partners with this Australia-based initiative called "One Million Stars to End Violence" and has committed to contributing at least 10,000 stars. Stars will be featured in an installation at the Lotus World Music & Arts Festival, at an exhibit in City Hall, and as part of a worldwide installation of 1,000,000 stars in Australia in 2018. This is a great project for families and groups; minimum age is 8. Please contact Loraine Martin at (812) 336-6599 or loraine@lotusfest.org. (www.lotusfest.org)

After School Program at Girls Inc.

If you enjoy being around kids, and support the Girls Inc. mission of inspiring all girls to be strong, smart and bold, please consider volunteering for the Girls Inc. after-school program during January, when they particularly need assistance. If volunteers are interested, they may also facilitate a one-time program of their choice with the girls. This gives volunteers the opportunity to share their own passions, hobbies, and talents with young girls. Minimum age is 18. Please contact June Taylor at (812) 336-7313 or jtaylor@monroe.girls-inc.org. (www.girlsinc-monroe.org)

Build a Home for a Family in Need!

Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County is seeking construction volunteers on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays to build new homes with families in need. No prior experience is necessary - individuals and groups of all skill levels are welcome as on-site training and instructions are provided. Tasks vary from day to day. Minimum age is 16; those younger than 16 can contribute by bringing snacks or lunch for a particular day's volunteers! Please contact Sarah Young at (812) 331-4069 ext. 202 or vsl@monroecountyhabitat.org. (www.monroecountyhabitat.org)

Tutor Students in English through MCCSC Adult Education

Through the MCCSC Adult Education program at the Broadview Learning Center, volunteers tutor students in English for one to two hours per week. Volunteer tutors do not need to speak another language or have prior experience, but they do need patience and regular attendance. All materials are provided by the teachers. This is a wonderful way to experience other countries and cultures without all of the travel costs! Minimum age is 18. Please contact Diana Hoffman at (812) 330-7731 ext. 53187 or dhoffman@mccsc.edu. (www.mccsc.edu/adulted)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Windfall Dancers

Seeks to ignite a passion for dance in the community by providing quality instruction, engaging performances, innovative community outreach, and an environment for creative expression. To grant a wish, contact Kay Olges, at school@windfalldancers.org or (812) 334-0506. (1101 N. Dunn St.; www.windfalldancers.org)

Wishes: dancewear (all sizes), desktop computer, bench with storage, wire shelving units, mulch, refrigerator (10 cu. ft.) single-bowl kitchen sink, fire extinguishers, smoke alarms, printer paper and toner, electric drill, building materials and paints for renovation

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or purchase a few items yourself. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org or call 812-349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

